

Abstract

5 Data to be impressed upon the average value of a chrominance portion of a block,
is replicated at least once. The original and each replica is impressed on blocks in the
same block position of separate frames. The frames that have like-positioned blocks that
are carrying the same data are considered to be a group. Specific blocks of the frame may
be embedded with a particular known data sequence rather than user data. Each group
may employ a different known sequence. Instead of simply repeating the data for each
like-positioned block of a group, the amount added to the average value for each such
10 block may be changed slightly from frame to frame in group, even when the complexity
of the blocks is the same. At a receiver, the multiple instances of the same data bit are
extracted and combined to form a single received bit.